

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Submitted herewith is a copy of Fig. 2 on which has been marked in red proposed drawing revisions. Upon approval of the drawing revisions and allowance of the application, the formal drawings will be accordingly revised.

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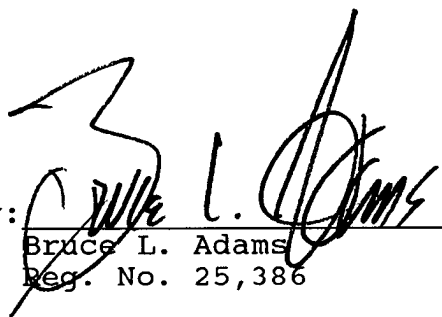
To place this application in condition for a complete action on the merits, the specification has been suitably revised to correct informalities. Original claims 1-13 have been amended in formal respects to improve the wording thereof and to place them in better conformance with U.S. practice. New claims 14-20 have been added to provide a fuller scope of coverage. Proposed drawing revisions have been submitted in Fig. 3, and a new abstract has been substituted for the original abstract.

Early and favorable action on the merits are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 2

